

**Attorney Docket No. S-2500/CONT
PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: Unknown
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KAWASE; HORIGUCHI; KAWAHITO) Examiner: Unknown
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Serial No. Continuation of)
parent appln. S.N. 10/151,825)
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Filed: Concurrently herewith)

For: **FLOW-AND-LEVELING AGENTS FOR WATERBORNE
COATINGS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Rule 53(b) continuation application, which claims priority from copending application Serial No. 10/151,825, wherein an Office Action having a mailing date of October 17, 2003 is outstanding with a one-month shortened statutory period for response. Accordingly, this new Rule 53(b) continuation application is timely filed within the one month time period for response.